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1. South Vietnam

In what may be the prelude to more concerted action in the Saigon area, Viet Cong terrorists set off a large explosion in the heart of the capital early this morning. Casualties were light but damage was heavy to Saigon University facilities adjacent to the primary target--the US - South Vietnamese television station.

2. North Vietnam

Hanoi's efforts to beef up its military forces in South Vietnam accelerated in April.

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Premier Pham Van Dong may have headed the North Vietnamese delegation to Moscow late last month.

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3. Communist China

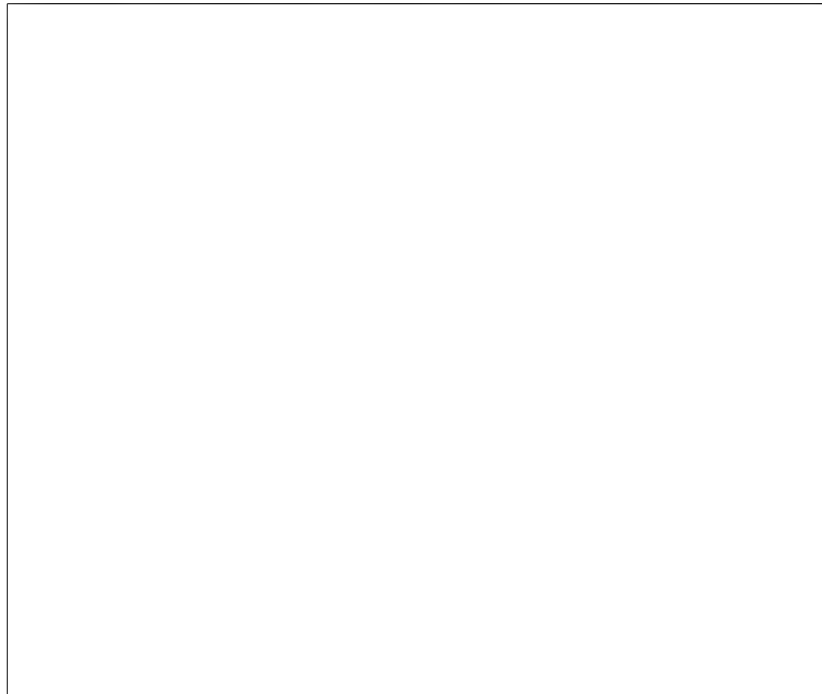
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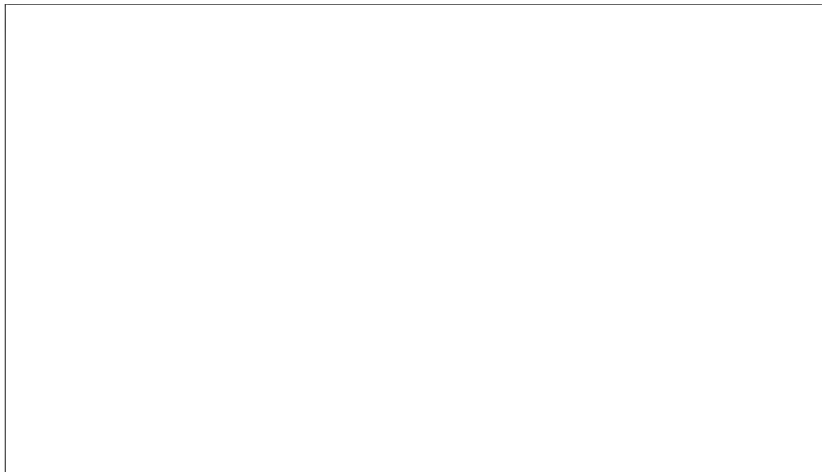
The leadership turned out in near-record numbers for the May Day rally in Peking, but the big show of unity was mostly show. Actually, the political conflict at the center continues essentially unchecked, and in some areas violence is on the rise again. Significant armed fighting has occurred in at least five provinces during the past week, and there has been an upturn in other areas as well.

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**6. France**

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7. Laos

We see a number of signs that the Communists intend to continue their current offensive indefinitely.

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- 1.) Special Daily Report on North Vietnam
- 2.) North Vietnamese Reflections of U S
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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION

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US Travelers: Three US "peace partisans"--writers Susan Sontag and Andy Kopkind, and Robert Greenblatt--are now in Vientiane. They hope to go to Hanoi Friday.

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Kopkind told Ambassador Sullivan he hoped to do a "Letter from Hanoi" for the New Yorker. He said the three travelers had no plans that he knew of to get involved in the release of US prisoners. But he did agree to talk to some of the prisoners and to try to get them released.

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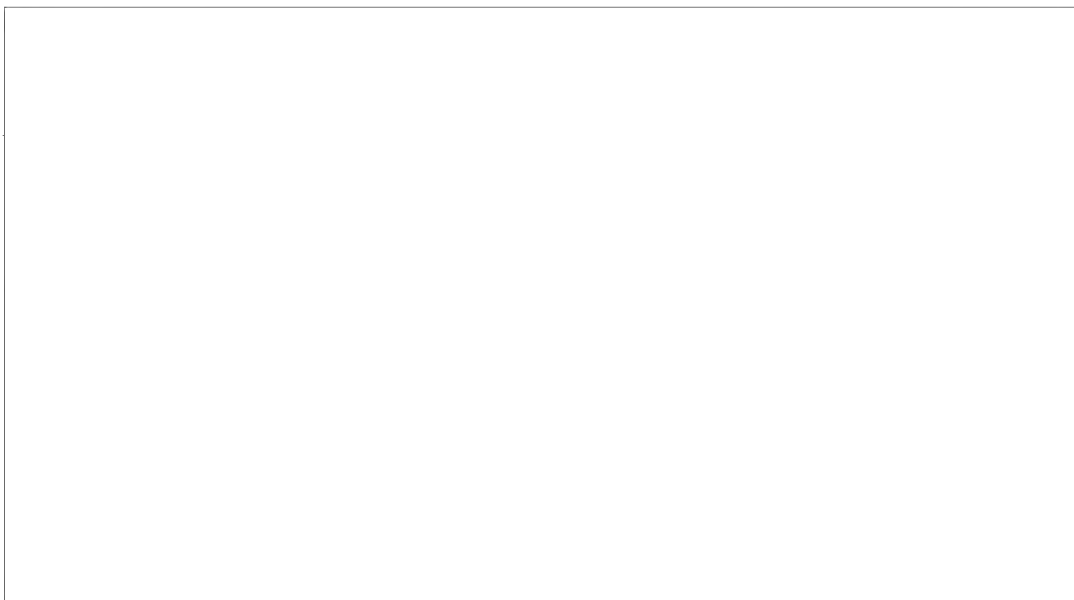
Swedish Paper Predicts Liberation Front to Open Office: The story that the Liberation Front will be permitted to open an office in Stockholm has appeared once again in the Swedish media. This time the story appears in a newspaper which often reflects the views of the ruling party. The Swedish radio had said earlier that the Front's office would open this summer.

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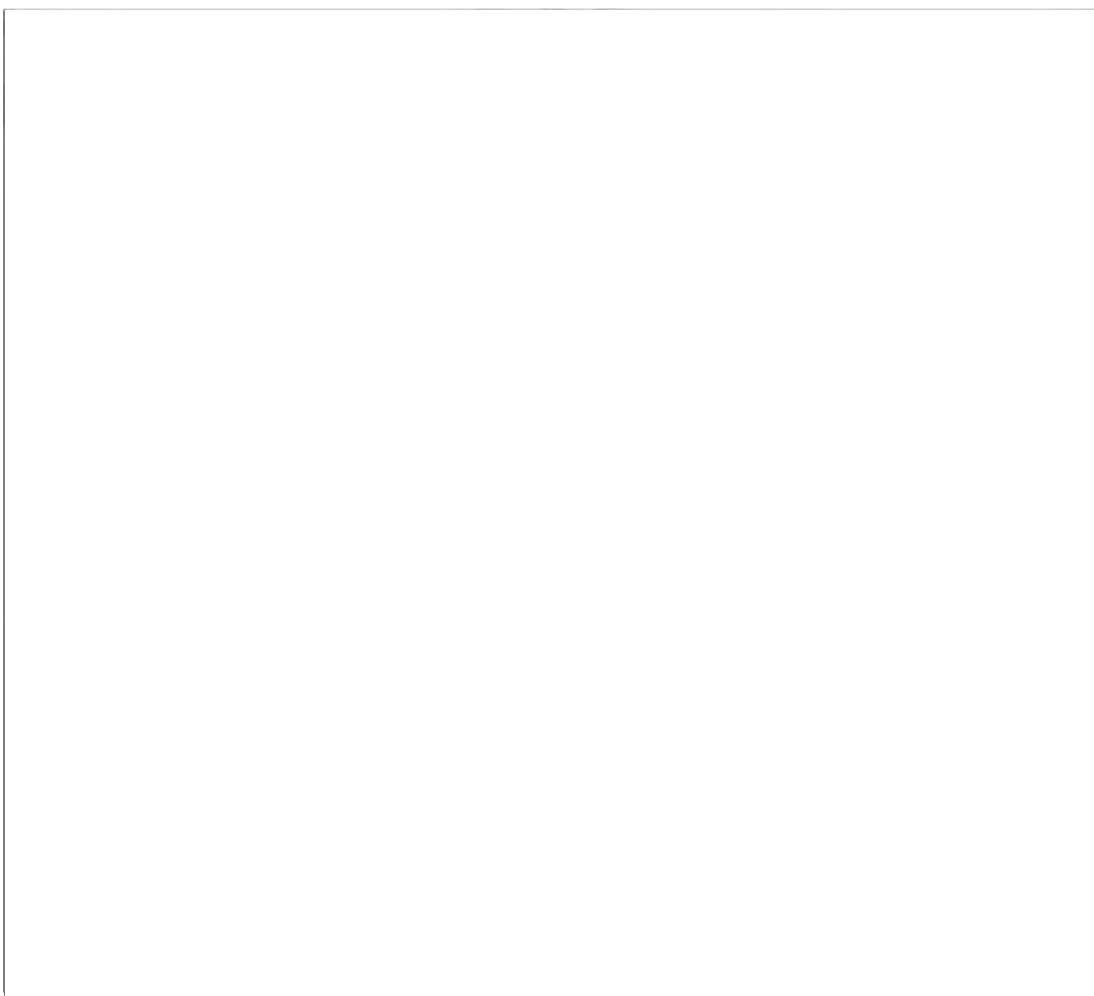
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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

No significant items to report.

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